AUSTRALIANS 1st Innings 2nd Innings

V. Trumper c Denton b Jackson .... 38 b Hirst 7

R. A. Duff b Hirst .... c Jackson b Hirst ... 0

C. Hill c Brown Hunter b Jackson ... 1

S. E. Gregory not out 10

J. Darling c b Hirst 1

M. A. Noble b Hirst 2

W. W. Arm b Hirst 0

A. J. Hopk w b Rhodes .. 0

J. J. Kelly Jackson 0

E. Jones c Jackson 0

W. P. How ter b Jackson 0

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YORKSHI nd Innings

J. T. Brown l b Noble 9

J. Tunnicliffe 3

D. Denton c b Noble 5

Mr. T. L. Tay 11

Hon. F. S. b Howell 6

G. H. Hirst 0

I. Washi 9

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Carr's Dictionary of extra-ordinary English Cricketers

And is dedicated to Mrs Turner of East Hoadley, Sussex who, in 1739, wrote in a letter, '*Last Munday my dear husband plaid at cricket & came home pleased anuf for he struck the best ball in the game and whisht he had not annything else to do he would play Cricket all his life.*'

And also to Diana Walker, Form Va, Colchester High School, who in the school magazine, wrote, '*Cricket is the most boring game in existence and is as dreadful for players as spectators. Nothing happens but monotonous bangs and remarks. After two or three days when everyone has forgotten the beginning, it ends in a draw.*'

And to Abdul Aziz, known also as Abdul the Damned, Turkish potentate, who, witnessing English sailors playing cricket, exclaimed, '*Remarkable! But what needless exertion! Why do you not compel your slaves and concubines to perform it for you?*'

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Dr. Arthur Abraham, b. 1889, so resembled his twin, a heavy run-getter, that opponents frequently complained to umpires that he already had batted.

Captain Adamson, c. 1844, having deserted his place on the boundary at Phoenix Park, Dublin, to converse with a lady, sprang back over a 4 foot spiked fence and, whilst in the air, took a left-handed catch.

Mr H. S. Altham, a Winchester housemaster, in 1926 published the most satisfying history of the game. Mr E. W. Swanton later collaborated in this great work.

W. E. Astill, Leices. b. 1888, the archetypal backbone of any county side. From 1906 until 1939 he took 2500 wkts and made 23,000 runs.

Karl Auty, c. 1911, a Chicago insomniac, had a joiner make him an under-bed shelf on runners to accommodate his set of Wisdens.

James Aylward, c. 1770, Hambledon, a left handed farm labourer, who made 167 for the village against All-England. Sir Horace Mann lured him to Kent with promise of preferment but he did not fulfil early promise either as batsman or bailiff.

Bacelli, the ravishingly lovely mistress of the Eton schoolboy Duke of Dorset who, in 1754, was dismissed from his favours after running him out.

Mr H. Bagshaw, d. 1902, asked that his umpire's coat, containing six pebbles, should be his shroud.

S. F. Barnes, b. Smethwick, 1873, an erect and uncompromisingly hostile fast-medium bowler who, using variations of his inswinger which straightened on pitching, took 189 Test Match wickets at an average of 16.43. Cricket was his occupation and most of his career was spent as a well-paid destroyer in leagues where he took 4000 wkts at an average of 7. Cognoscenti declare him to have been the greatest bowler of All-Time.

The Revd. Lord Frederick Beauclerk, D.D., Vicar of St. Albans, c. 1820, great-grandson of King Charles II and Nell Gwynne and known in the Soho district as Fred Diamond Eye. This choleric man took his stand at the wicket wearing a scarlet sash and a white beaver and demonstrated his contempt for some bowlers by suspending a valuable gold watch from his middle stump. He is said to have been an unutterably dull preacher.

Max Beerbohm, b. 1872, a much admired Edwardian writer who subscribed a shilling to W. G. Grace's Testimonial '*not in support of cricket but as an earnest protest against golf.*'

William Beldham, c. 1770, of Wrecclesham, Surrey and Hambledon, known also as Silver Billy, one of cricket's patriarchs in the Glorious Dawn of the Game, whose late cut presented so noble a spectacle it was said that only Michaelangelo could have delineated it with justice. Only his lapse in biasing the ball with a lump of clay causing it to violently swerve and dismiss Lord Beauclerk can be said to sully his lustrous name. His vigour continued unimpaired until he forsook this life for immortality aetat 96, mourned by the 28 children of his first wife and 11 more amassed in a second innings.

Black Bess of the Mint, c. 1744, frequently engaged to enliven dull Spitalfields games by running foot races without drawers against Little Bit o' Blue, a Stepney person.

Edmund Blunden, b. 1896, the poet, whose essays in 'Cricket Country' are a most charming evocation of Kent village cricket.

Colin Blythe, Kent, b. 1879, a subtle left-arm spin bowler, who, in 15 seasons, took 2506 wkts averaging 16. He was killed on the Western Front, 1917.

John Boot, d. 1737 in a collision at Newark with his batting partner.

B. J. T. Bosanquet, Mddx., b. 1877, (whose great-grandneice works in this office) having secretly invented the googly at tishy-toshy first unveiled it in the presence of the great Victor Trumper and immediately dismissed him.

George Brown, Surrey, b. Stoughton, 1783, a 16 stone under-arm bowler of such ferocity that a wicket-keeper and two longstops (one wearing a sack of straw) were customary. Even so, one delivery passing through the coat held out by the second longstop, killed instantly a large and valuable dog.

H. E. Bull, c. 1864, for M.C.C. v. Oxford University, the first recorded player to be martyred under Law 37 which prohibits a second hit at the same ball.

Julius Caesar, natus Godalming, circa MLCCCXXIX, a slow bowler who, on overseas tours, wept if required to sleep alone. He later was coach at Uppingham.

Neville Cardus, b. 1889, a writer whose match reports for the Manchester Guardian adorn literature and properly earned him knighthood.

John Chitty's bat, hewn in 1729, is cricket's earliest archeological artefact.

Charles Clarke, the liveliest cricket literary ghost whose felicitous style elevated John Nyren's reminiscences into a sublime masterpiece.

William Clarke, Notts, b. 1798, a one-eyed bricklayer of parsonic demeanour who founded Trent Bridge, was the first managerial entrepreneur and is said to have played *by ear*. He bowled rearing underarm breakbacks whose difficulty was exacerbated by his shrill cry of 'We shall 'ave a haccident, sir, in a moment!' He is the earliest example of an unhappily enduring line of odious captains with rooted dislike of taking themselves off.

Tom Clement, c. 1750, Alton, fell under cricket's subtle spell aged five. The Revd. Gilbert White (see Eng. Lit. also Nat. Hist.) wrote '*Tom bats, his grandmother bowls, and his great-grandmother watches out.*'

F. C. Cobden, Cambridge University, performed a hat-trick when, in 1870, Oxford needed but 2 to win. This feat had so profound an effect on all who witnessed it that the occasion is still known reverently as Cobden's Match.

Master A. E. J. Collins, Clifton School, was aged 13 years when, in a 1899 housematch that dragged on for several games' afternoons and lunchtimes, he amassed the highest recorded score of 628* in 6 hrs 59 mins and was only deterred from adding to this splendid total by the expostulations of spectators and the threats of those still waiting to bat.

Mrs Alice Constantine, a deeply religious person, who when her son Leary was carried home with a cracked knee-bone, remarked '*They who live by the sword shall perish by the sword.*'

The Revd. Francis Cornford, Vicar of Cam, c. 1863, batting on Stinchcombe Ridge, Glos., made a hit yielding 18, runs. 'Lost Ball!' could not be called because, at no time was the ball out of sight.

Arthur Courcey, Epsom, a stock-broker, a spectator of the 1882 Oval Test, which England lost by 7 runs. Whilst enduring 13 successive maiden overs he gnawed off the handle of his brother-in-law's umbrella.

The Revd. J. C. Crawford was the only objector to a 1902 M.C.C. motion that the bowling crease be increased from 78 inches to 80 inches but refused to give his reason to the Chairman.

Richard Daft, Notts, b. 1831, was the last practitioner of the underleg stroke and the art died with him.

Mr Dartnell, c. 1867, a Methodist draper of Broad Green, Surrey, took 10 Thornton Heath wkts for 0 runs. And there were no extras.

George Dearman of Sheffield, handsomely defeated in a single wkt game, yet earned a generous encomium from the victor, the Great Mynn, 'for his unflinching bottom'.

The Revd. Elisha Fawcett, c. 1817, a Manchester evangelical who devoted his life to teaching the natives of the Admiralty Islands the Commandments of God and the Laws of Cricket. Too poor to purchase a monument to this good man, his parishioners erected his wooden leg upon his grave. In that fertile clime it miraculously took root and for many years provided a bountiful harvest of bats.

Felix, the preferred name of Nicholas Wanostrocht, a Blackheath writing-master, who not only invented tubular gloves and a mechanical bowler, the Catapulta, but wrote the classic tutor, *Felix on the Bat* (which often is to be found in the Natural History Section of public libraries.)

P. G. H. Fender, Surrey, b. 1892, the greatest captain of his time. In 1920, against Northants, he made the fastest century in first class cricket, in 35 minutes.

T. A. Fison, c. 1901, Hendon, after reaching 264 v. Highgate School, 'Retired to catch a train to the Continent'.

F. R. Foster, Warwicks, b. 1889, a left-arm amateur bowler, who with the great Barnes, formed the most effective Test-winning bowling partnership.

Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, d. 1751, is the only member of the Royal Family known to have died violently after a blow from a cricket ball.

C. B. Fry, Hants, b. 1872, held the world's long-jump record, played in an F.A. Cup Final, headed the England batting averages in 6 seasons and was a notable classical scholar. At the Treaty of Versailles it was sensibly proposed that he be crowned King of Albania, a blessing denied that unhappy land which, instead, inherited a family called Zog and, later, went Maoist.

Dr E. M. Grace, Glos., b. 1841, was so agile in the field that it was said that the only thing he could not do was to keep wicket to his own bowling.

Mrs Martha Grace, Glos., b. 1812, a handsome matriarch, the only woman canonised in Wisden.

Dr William Gilbert Grace, Glos., b. 1848, 'The Champion', 'The Big 'Un', whose portrait in a pre-existence may be seen engraved upon Assyrian tablets in the British Museum. Between 1870 and 1900 this Jove-like folk-hero bestrode the game, the Lillees and Thompsons of his day scarce daring to bowl within his reach. The sole ace to this king was the Australian Spofforth and it is said that, facing the original 'demon bowler' the grinding of Grace's teeth was clearly audible to both umpires. One mere item in this Olympan career — in 1876, during successive innings, he made 344 v. M.C.C., 177 v. Notts, 400 v. a Lincolnshire XXII and 318* v. Yorkshire. He gave the game a new law— 'Braces are not worn.'

The Hon. Robt. Grimston, c. 1830, a youthful revolutionary who provided himself with two bats, a large one to block Mynn and a smaller one to thrash lesser bowlers, but who, in later life became a reactionary President of M.C.C., forbidding the introduction of the mowing machine and the expulsion of the Lords flock of sheep.

Mr Grundy, c. 1910, a Bearsted wheelwright, having been furnished by Edward Thomas, the poet, with a diagram so that he could shape a new wooden leg for the Welsh poet, W. H. Davies, but not having been told what it was, made out the bill 'For a Curiosity Cricket Bat.'

George Gunn, Notts, b. 1879, a seemingly immortal player who, by walking up and down the wicket, demoralised fast bowlers. His last words were, 'Batsmen take too great a heed of bowlers.'

W. R. Hammond, Glos., b. 1903 at Dover, a sound yet daringly brilliant bat who made 50,493 runs (av. 56) and 167 centuries. Whilst facing the hitherto devastating Australian fast bowler, Macdonald, he invested his drives with such executionary vigour that the ball frequently bounced from the fence half-way back to the wicket.

George Harpole, c. 1949, of Tampling, struck a ball upon the bent back of his runner who unwittingly carried it into the hands of a mid-off.

David Harris, b. Elvetham, 1754, a potter, the most feared underarm bowler of his age, it being said that 'his fatal expression before delivery was appalling.' First raising the ball to his brow he pistoned it from beneath his armpit causing it to leap steeply and bloodily grind fingers into bat handle. This formidable man, brushing aside a gouty old age, supported himself on a crutch and, between overs, rested upon an armchair set up behind the wickets.

Dr Heath, D.D., Headmaster of Eton, a perfectionist, flogged the School XI, including (possibly unjustly) the scorer, when they returned from a defeat by West-minster School.

Elias Hendren, Mddx., b. 1889, a stockily built man of mordant wit who scored ducks in his first and last county games but, between, made 57,611 runs and 170 centuries.

George Herbert Hirst, Yorks, b. Kirkheaton, 1871. His inswinger was described as a hard and accurate throw from cover-point and his 1906 feat of 208 wkts and 2385 runs is unsurpassed. He modestly attributed a figment of his fame to the use of neatsfoot oil and is the subject of the game's most eloquent poem—

'*When I faced the bowling of Hirst*
I called out, "Do your worst."
He answered, "Right you are Sid."
And he did.'

John Berry Hobbs, b. Cambridge, 1882. This Surrey player, a man of great natural dignity and forceful elegance of stroke was the bridge between the Classic and Modern Periods. He made 61,237 runs (av. 50) and his knighthood was joyfully acclaimed by the nation.

Albert Hornby, amateur, b. Blackburn, 1847 and **Richard Barlow,** professional b. Bolton, 1850, the 'run-stealers' *who 'flickered to and fro'*, linked till eternity in cricket's only Eng. Lit. Div. One's poem.

Lord Howe, b. 1726, whose father died of drinking coconut milk in Barbados, gave his name to a Pacific island of 150 souls yet fielding two elevens compelled only to have fixtures with one another and on a ground so contiguous with the Ocean that wickets could be pitched only at one end, the batsmen swapping places for the strike.

Horace c. 1890, a horse of such exquisite sensibility that, when Fred Morley, the invariable Notts last man, left the Trent Bridge pavilion, it sidled unobtrusively towards the roller.

Lord Hawke Yorks., b. 1860, Captain 1883-1910, President 1898-1938, during whose reign the Championship was won 20 times. Part warlord, part folk-hero, he instituted winter pay and partial investment of benefit money to ensure a decent living for professional players.

Tom Hayward b. Cambridge, 1871. This Surrey batsman was the second player to make 100 centuries.

The Hon. F. S. Jackson, b. 1870, In the 1905 Tests he won the toss 5 times, won the series, won the batting (70.2) and bowling averages (15.4). Despairing of Ambition's chiefest prize, the Yorkshire captaincy, he took to politics and was consoled with the Governorship of Burma. There he escaped an assassin's sword by 'the quickest duck I ever made.'

Gilbert Jessop Glos., b. Cheltenham, 1874, a shortish man, dreaded by the Civil Service Commissioners and Merchant Banks as the most effective office-emptier in history, his average hourly scoring-rate being 80 runs. He *assaulted* bowling, re-directing balls like stones from a catapult. His 1902 innings of 104 in 77 minutes when England, needing 200, were 48 for 5 can only be compared with Henry V's speech before Harfleur. His cricket career ended in 1916 when he was forgotten in a heat-treatment box.

Charles Jesse Kortright, Essex, b. 1891, by aficiandos said to have been the fastest bowler of them all.

Mr Lambourn, 'The littel farmer', Hambledon, c. 1770, invented underarm spin and the offbreak and sapped batsmen's morale by crying, 'Ah! That was tedious near you, Sir!'

Harold Larwood, Notts, b. 1904, a quiet pitman, the greatest fast bowler of his Age, summoned by Time to eclipse the lustrous Bradman. His onslaught was so projectile that his knuckles sometimes grazed the pitch. Given this book by Nottingham Rotarians, he murmured 'He's got this bit about Hammond wrong.'

George Leer, Hambledon, c. 1770, a brewer, whose long-stopping was said to be safe as a sandbank. Whilst awaiting incoming batsmen he sang glees with his wicket-keeper (a tenor) in a high alto voice.

George Lennox, 4th Duke of Richmond, like the immortal Wolfe, ascended the Heights of Abraham but to play cricket. In a duel he shot off a curl from the Prince Regent's proxy, the Duke of York. And it was his beautiful wife who gave the celebrated Eve of Waterloo Ball at Quatre Bras (see Eng. Lit.). He died from hydrophobia after a fox-bite.

William Lillywhite, b. 1792, West Hampnett, Sussex, 'The Nonpareil', a dapper fiercely small man, first to take 100 wkts in a season. After reflection, he made the Ultimate Pronouncement—'I suppose if I was to think *every* ball, nobody'd ever get a run.'

Mrs Emma Locksley, landlady of the New Lords Tavern, in a fit of despair, blew up her house, her sister-in-law and herself.

Thomas Lord, b. Thirsk, 1755, a Jacobite, bought his first ground in Dorset Square in 1787. He died at West Meon, Hants.

'Miss Flora Lynn', c. 1890, Captain of the Original Lady Cricketers, dared not reveal her secret addiction during her husband, Mr Westbrook's, lifetime.

Noah Mann, c. 1770, Hambledon, a gypsy inn-keeper, inventor of swerve bowling, entertained early arrivals at games by daring bareback riding feats and died by falling on a fire whilst not himself.

J. Martison, c. 1921, of Eastrington, nr. Selby, opened the innings against Cliffe Common and carried his bat for 0 when Mr Tune took 10 wkts for 0 runs.

Philip Mead, Hants, 1887, a left-handed awkward-looking bat who made 153 centuries, inspiring the immortal headline HANTS COLLAPSES MEAD STILL BATTING. He bore his later blindness with great fortitude.

Miss Rose Morphy, c. 1882, a beautiful Australian wit, having burnt a bail to Ashes, on presenting the urn to the English captain, the Hon. Ivo Bligh, immediately fell in love and married him.

Alfred Mynn, b. Goudhurst, 1807, The Lion of Kent, Alfred the Great, a farmer's boy, later a hop merchant. The majestic round-armers delivered by this noble 20 stone fellow nipped from leg to off stump, requiring the presence of stumper and longstops-in-tandem. His spirit was great as his person for, whilst making 146 v. the North, he was so grievously hammered on his unpadded forward leg that it was feared that he must lose it, exciting even the pity of Lord Beauclerk. Properly he is the subject of the game's most fullsome verse panygeric and is the only cricketer to have been heard of in France, where he was hailed, 'Voila le Grand Mynn!'

Hesketh K. Nayler, c. 1851, a New York millionaire impotent who derived sexual gratification by maintaining an establishment of ample women to play cricket before him with balloons and without clothes.

Sir Henry Newbolt, Staffs., b. 1862, wrote cricket's best known literary allusion. Nevertheless, his 'a bumping pitch and a blinding light', shamelessly misinterpreted by countless English masters, has caused numerous schoolboys, in hope of having their captain's hand on their shoulder smote, mildly to accept assaults from fast bowlers rather than assaulting the groundsman.

Mr Nixon, c. 1823, a benefactor, rid the world of the painful affliction of stingers by inventing the cane-handled bat.

Richard Nyren, b. 1734, Jacobite landlord of the Bat & Ball Inn overlooking Halfpenny Down, cricket's Olympus. He was a big, independent man, Captain-General of Hambledon in its Heroic Age and sold ale at 2d a pint which 'flared like turpentine'.

John Nyren, b. 1764, son of Richard, a large bald and bullet-headed man with deeply sunk eyes, cricket's Herodotus: his *Young Cricketer's Tutor* and *Cricketers*

of my Time are the Old Testament and Apocrypha of the game. He was a friend of the musician, Novello and the bookwriter Lamb, and was an Admirer of the Noble and Good in Art and Nature. He composed the glee, '*Come fill the goblet*' (words by Byron), played the fiddle and was extremely fond of black Kent cherries.

George Osbaldeston, b. 1786, Squire of Hutton Buscell, nr. Scarborough, Master of the Pytchley and Quorn Hunts, batted as well on 4 legs as most men on 2.

George Parr, b. Radcliffe-on-Trent, 1884, whose towering pulls having so often battered a tree on the Trent Bridge leg-boundary, felicitously a bough from this same tree was borne upon his coffin.

Eddie Paynter, Lancs., a cheerfully dauntless left-hander who, in a single 1937 day, made 322 v. Sussex.

Richard Perceval, Durham, c. 1884, threw a ball 140 yds 2 ft.

Fuller Pilch, b. Horningtoft, Norfolk, 1803 but a Kent player, is said to have had so fantastically long a reach that he cast a despairing blight on opposing sides. In retirement he kept the Saracen's Head, Canterbury, refusing all appeals for credit as, umpiring, he did for lbw (scornfully crying, 'Bowl 'em out!).

Mr Piers, c. 1875, Bishop Auckland, had a pot ball of 27 ounces baked when challenged by a Mr Brown to bowl him out within 6 hours (he having manufactured a bat so wide that he was able to stand behind it). The contest ended when, after 9½ minutes, Brown's nerve and bat were shattered.

Ponto, c. 1850, the bravest of the Grace Family's dogs who, fielding close-in, fearlessly presented his breast to drives and, in the out-orchard, sagaciously plotted the path of approaching balls from crashing branches.

The Revd. Charles Powlett, c. 1760, Vicar of Itchen Abbass, son of the Duke of Bolton and Lavinia Fenton (the original Polly Peachum) founded the Hambledon Club.

W. G. Quaife, Warwicks., b. 1872, was the archetypal text-book bat.

Ranjitsinhji, Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, Sussex, b. 1872, whose elegant yet aggressive cutting, leg glides, race and title, captured the nation's imagination. Why, even my father had heard of him.

Wilfred Rhodes, Yorks., b. 1877, took 4187 wkts and made 39,802 runs. He first played for England before seven players in the 1926 Test, his last, were born, yet his bowling retained its subtle flight and impeccable length. For the last 20 years of his life this great man was blind. One can only marvel at a recently notorious list of peerages knowing that he never received one.

Tom Richardson, Surrey, b. 1870, declared by many to have been the greatest fast bowler. Using a vicious break-back, in 4 seasons he took 1005 wkts at 14 runs apiece.

Mr Rotherham of Uppingham, a Rutlandshire fast bowler, struck a bail 62 yds into Leicestershire.

Mr Sexton, an Essex farmer, owned a magnificent salix alba from which 1179 bats were manufactured

George Bernard Shaw, an author, on being told England had been successful in the Australian Tests enquired what they had been testing.

Arthur Shrewsbury, Notts, b. New Lenton, 1856, a batsman of determination and artistry, second only in reputation in his day to W. G. Grace. He ended his own life and lies 22 yards from the great bowler, Alfred Shaw.

John Small, Hambledon, b. Petersfield, 1737, a cobbler and choirman, During his innings of 2¾ hrs on May 22nd, 1775, whilst making the 14 runs to defeat England,

it was observed that 3 balls passed between his two stumps, making necessary the fatal institution of the middle wicket. His epitaph begins thus—

Here bowled by Death's unerring ball
A cricketer renowned by name John Small.

The Revd. Elisha Smith, Towcester, c. 1773, at the age of 19 renounced loose living, dancing and cricket, 'the last of which he was particularly fond.'

The Revd. Thos. Sturgess-Jones, Rector of Garboldisham, c. 1922, an advanced thinker, published the village side's averages in his parish magazines.

Mr Sugnett, a Croydon headmaster, c. 1893, described as 'a destructive looking man', customarily improved his fast underarm grubs by following them down the pitch yelling fiercely, 'That's gotyer!'

Herbert Sutcliffe, Yorks., d. 1978, an elegant, resourceful partner in the best opening pair England ever had.

Maurice Tate, Sussex, b. 1895, took 2783 wkts (av. 18) and was the greatest medium fast bowler of his era.

Lionel, Lord Tennyson, Hants., b. 1889, leading England into the jaws of Warwick Armstrong at Leeds, 1921, bravely advanced with one arm in a sling and, wielding his bat like a tennis racquet, volleyed 63 thunderous runs, a glorious feat of arm (all the world wondered). His sole literary work is entitled 'From Verse to Worse.'

George Macaulay Trevelyan, O.M., d. 1962 historian, declared, 'If the French noblesse had been capable of playing cricket with their peasants their chateaux would never have been burnt'.

Hedley Verity, Yorks., b. Leeds 1905, Rhodes's spiritual heir, in 1932 took 10 Notts wkts for 10 runs after this editor, then a schoolboy, had left the Headingly ground fearing rain and thus condemning him to a lifetime of bitter remorse. This splendid man, a lieutenant of The Green Howards, terribly wounded, dying and supported by a Bridlington man, was last seen amid blazing Sicilian corn.

Captain Vinegar, b. Millwall, c. 1744, owner of a bruisers' agency much employed by cricket game promoters to put down hooligans.

Ted Wainwright, Yorks., 1865, customarily slept with his bat.

Tom Walker, Hambledon, c. 1770, 'Old Everlasting', once faced the dreaded Harris for 170 balls whilst making one run. It is said that his skin was like the rind of an ancient oak and, though frequently split, never let blood. Nevertheless, his grunts, like a broken-winded horse, cause great distress amongst spectators.

Old Wat, a Swaledale sheepdog who, with Mr Trumper of Harefield, defeated Two Gentlemen of Middlesex in 1827. Scores—Two Gents: 1st inns, 3 (both run out), 2nd inns, 3 (both run out). Mr Trumper: 3 (and 2 for his dog), 2nd inns: 2*.

Norman Waterworth, c. 1939, captain/secretary of Gisburn C.C. was the most committed village player of all-time. Having but one leg, he yet took more than 1000 wkts and made 3600 runs in 22 seasons.

H. G. Wells, a prolific author, son of the professional bowler, Mr J. Wells, Kent.

Thomas 'Shock' White, Reigate, c. 1770, was held down by Hambledon players whilst his immense bat was planed down to an acceptable width. Afterwards all incoming batsmen had to pass their bats through a cast-iron frame.

Christina Willes, c. 1822, invented round-arm bowling in a Canterbury barn.

John Willes, Sutton Valence, employing his sister s innovation at Lords and being continuously no-balled, was so enraged that he rode off never to play again.

The Earl of Winchilsea, a man of enviable moral courage, withdrew from the 1789 England side because of cold weather.

Mr E. Winter, c. 1832, mis-cutting a ball, drove the bails deep into the flattened cleft stumps and, after some deliberation, was judged to be Not Out.

Lord Winterton, c. 1846, captained an XI which defeated a Sussex Labourers LVII.

John Wisden, Kent, b. Brighton, 1826, whose feat of 6 wkts in 6 balls v. The South, 1852, has been equalled only by a Mr Brown of Godmanchester, Hunts and Mr Kirkland of Bloxwich. Later, he set up a cigar and cricket ball factory and, in 1864, brought out his Almanack, which has furnished intellectual and spiritual sustenance to many generations of right thinking Englishmen.

Frank Woolley, Kent, b. Tonbridge, 1887, was a left-handed bat of harmonious sublimity. He made 58,969 runs, took 2068 wkts and accommodated 1011 catches in the most prehensile hands in cricket history. Cricket's noblest testimonial was accorded him '*Woolley will bat for us in Heaven, and Mozart make music.*'

William Yardley, a Rugby schoolboy, threw 101 yds with his right and 78 with his left arm.

Jasper Vinall, c. 1624, Horsted Keynes, Sussex, was killed whilst properly preventing an opponent from having two hits at the same ball.

I. Zingari, 1899, a daring boatman who promoted cricket matches on the Goodwin Sands at low tide. He has no known connection with a club of that name, founded 1846, which requires candidates for membership to take their stand in the nets without bat and pads and there to be bowled at by vice-presidents.

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